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Satoshi ARAKAWA

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For: RADIATION IMAGE READ-OUT APPARATUS

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
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations: English language Abstracts of JP 03-266825, JP 2001-100341, JP 61-073786 and JP 05-160966 are submitted herewith. U.S. Patents No. 4,654,533 and 4,535,238 which correspond to JP 59-074545 and JP 59-109000, are submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,



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		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)		
		US 4,654,533		03-31-1987	TESHIMA et al. (corresponds to JP 59-074545)
		US 4,535,238		08-13-1985	TAKAHASHI et al. (corresponds to JP 59-109000)
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		JP	05-160966	A	06-25-1993	FUJI PHOTO FILM CO LTD	English Abstract
		JP	59-074545	A	04-27-1984	KONISHIROKU PHOTO IND CO LTD (corresponds to USP 4,654,533 submitted herewith)	English Abstract
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		JP	03-266825	A	11-27-1991	FUJITSU LTD.	English Abstract
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